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WILL A MAN ROB HIMSELF??

II Cor. 8:1-5

INT:

Audience reaction taker. Different feelings on subject. Somehow every phase of life involves money.

\* Ill. Gro., Utilities, Clothiers, Govt. etc.—Lord!! Real Christians do not flinch when Giving is the subject.

1. Christ spent 1/3 of His time teaching stewardship!

\* 2. Steward defined: One who manages the affairs and possessions of another.

My Belief: Those who know, or come to know, man's proper place and purpose in life will share freely with God.

WHY??I. THIS IS GOD'S WORLD, NOT OURS.

A. Genesis 1:1. Who was here first?

\* B. I Chronicles 29:10-11, 14. For all is thine oh Lord.

C. Ps. 24:1. "The earth is the Lords and the fullness..

D. Ps. 50:10-12. "For every beast of the forest is mine....

E. Haggai 2:8. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine.

\* F. Deuteronomy 8:11, 17-18. God gave you your wealth.....

G. II Corinthians 5:1. House of this tabernacle dissolved.

H. II Peter 3:10-11. Seeing that all this is to be dissolve

*I. three types of people: can't give, want will + do!*

II. MEN USE GOD'S EARTHLY POSSESSIONS FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS.

A. I WILL NOT GIVE. Abominably self-centered. *Help no one.*

1. Rich man destroyed the crumbs. Luke 16.

2. Learned meaning of II Cor. 9:6 too late.

3. Ill. Some just cheat like Ole Black Joe.

(Promised  $\frac{1}{4}$  of crop. Only got 3 wagon loads corn.)

B. I WILL NOT GIVE TO GOD. Earthly treasures only future.

1. Grudge against a member. Take spite out on God?

2. Complain about elder's work. You couldn't do better!

3. Many keep back God's part like Ananias-Sapphira.

a.. Acts 5. Barnabas sold land and gave all.

C. I WILL NOT GIVE THAT WHICH COSTS ME.

1. Carpenter of Isaiah 44 gave his god scraps. 13-17.

2. Seven kinds of unacceptable gifts given today.

a. Display gift. To be seen of men. No reward!

b. Squelch gift. To show another up. Good motive?

c. Placating " . To keep the elders away. Meager.

d. Guilt gift . To try to keep God away. Fails.

e. Duty gift . To be just a good citizen. No more?

II Cor. 9:8. f. Fear gift . Afraid starve if don't. Matt. 6:33.

II Cor. 9:7. G. Grudge gift . Give, but regret it, want it back.